(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Department of ex-servicemen welfare will deal with the following post-service requirements of ex-servicemen:

(i) All aspects of resettlement and welfare of ex-servicemen and their dependents;

(ii) Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme; and

(iii) All pension matters of the Armed Forces.

Arms to fight Terrorism for Security Forces

1335. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian security forces are still not well equipped to fight terrorism and the Fidayeen;

(b) if so, what further steps are contemplated to fight Fidayeen terrorism effectively; and

(c) the nature and extent of arms and equipments required to effectively arm our forces and the steps taken/being taken to acquire the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Security Forces have been equipped with sophisticated weapons like 5.56mm INSAS Rifles, 5.56mm Light Machine Guns and AK-47 assault rifles, area domination weapons like Automatic Grenade Launchers and Rocket Launchers etc. to provide a decisive edge over their adversaries. Protective clothing like bullet proof jackets have also been provided. Mobility has been improved through latest vehicles.

Appropriate surveillance equipment including night vision devices is also being provided. A Modernisation Plan is being implemented as per the requirements articulated by the security forces.